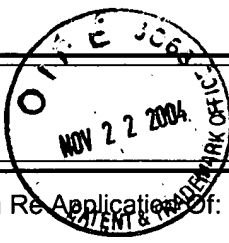


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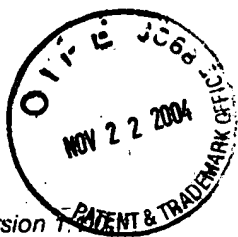
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NATURE OF CONVEYANCE: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST

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Execution Date: 10/23/2002

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, NPPC Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation with a mailing address of Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, Missouri 63164 (hereinafter "Assignor") desires to convey certain Intellectual Property to Nestec, Ltd., a Swiss corporation (hereinafter "Assignee"); and

WHEREAS, Assignee desires to acquire such Intellectual Property from Assignor.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

Assignor hereby sells, transfers, conveys and assigns to Assignee all of its right, title and interest in the patents and patent applications listed on the attached Schedule A, including the right to sue for past infringement and collect for past damages and all continuations, divisions or reissues, and Assignor does hereby authorize and request the U. S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and any other governmental agency to issue, in accordance with this Assignment, any and all Letters Patent that may be granted on said applications.

This Assignment is effective July 1, 2002.

NPPC SERVICES, INC.

By: Kevin Berryman

Kevin Berryman, President

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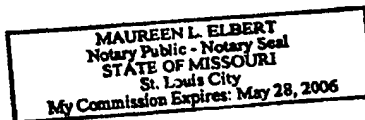
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On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2002, before me appeared KEVIN BERRYMAN, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn did say that he is the President of NPPC SERVICES, INC., a corporation of the State of Delaware, and that said instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and said KEVIN BERRYMAN acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

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